**France**

**Rude on the consequences of war**

**Reference:** George Rude, *The French Revolution,* Grove Press, New York, 1988, p73.

[H]ad France remained at peace with the rest of Europe, it is possible that ... the Revolution might have stopped its course or, at least, not been carried far beyond the settlement of 1791. But war broke out in April 1792 and, by the violence of its impact, immeasurably sharpened all existing tensions ... Inevitably, war gave fresh encouragement to those wishing to destroy the Revolution from within and without, and provoked in turn exceptional measures against counter-revolution, aristocracy and 'fanaticism'. It exposed the duplicity and treachery of the Court and brought about the downfall of the monarchy. It led to inflation and rising food prices, and hence to vigorous resistance and agitation by the urban sans-culottes. Through inflation, treachery, defeat and social disturbance, it compelled the Assembly, contrary to its own cherished principles, to set up a strong 'revolutionary' government, to institute the Terror, to control prices and to mobilise the nation for war.

a. Identify two consequences of war highlighted by Rude.

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1. Identify two repercussions of the war for the monarchy that are highlighted by Rude.

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1. Identify two measures, according to Rude, undertaken by the Assembly that were

contrary to its original principles.

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3d. Using your own knowledge and the extract, explain

i. why war broke out in France in April 1792

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ii. why, according to Rude, the war 'sharpened all existing tensions'.

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1. Explain the usefulness of this extract in understanding the threat of counter-revolution

and the measures adopted by the government between 1792 and 1794.

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